

Foreflow no longer, make we hence amaine.

Exeunt

Excursions. Enter Richard and Clifford.

Rich. Now Clifford, I haue singled thee alone,
Suppose this arme is for the Duke of Yorke,
And this for Rutland, both bound to reuenge,
Wer't thou inuiron'd with a Brazen wall.

Cliff. Now Richard, I am with thee heere alone,
This is the hand that stabb'd thy Father Yorke,
And this the hand, that slew thy Brother Rutland,
And here's the heart, that triumphs in their death,
And cheeres these hands, that slew thy Sire and Brother,
To execute the like vpon thy selfe,
And so haue at thee.

They Fight, Warwicke comes, Clifford flies.

Rich. Nay Warwicke, single out some other Chace,
For I my selfe will hunt this Wolfe to death.

Exeunt

Alarum. Enter King Henry alone.

Hen. This battell fares like to the mornings Warre,
When dying clouds contend, with growing light,
What time the Shepheard blowing of his nailles,
Can neither call it perfect day, nor night.
Now swyes it this way, like a Mighty Sea,
Fore'd by the Tide, to combat with the Winde:
Now swyes it that way, like the selfe-same Sea,
Fore'd to retire by furie of the Winde.
Sometime, the Flood preuailes; and than the Winde:
Now, one the better: then, another best;
Both tugging to be Victors, brest to brest:
Yet neither Conqueror, nor Conquered.
So is the equall poise of this fell Warre.
Heere on this Mole-hill will I sit me downe,
To whom God will, there be the Victorie:
For Margaret my Queene, and Clifford too
Haue chid me from the Battell: Swearing both,
They prosper best of all when I am thence.
Would I were dead, if Gods good will were so;
For what is in this world, but Greefe and Woe.
Oh God! me thinkes it were a happy life,
To be no better then a homely Swaine,
To sit vpon a hill, as I do now,
To carue out Dialls quaintly, point by point,
Thereby to see the Minutes how they runne:
How many makes the Houre full compleate,
How many Houtes brings about the Day,
How many Dayes will finish vp the Yeare,
How many Yeares, a Mortall man may liue,
When this is knowne, then to diuide the Times:
So many Houtes, must I tend my Flocke;
So many Houtes, must I take my Rest:
So many Houtes, must I Contemplete:
So many Houtes, must I Sport my selfe:
So many Dayes, my Ewes haue bene with yong:
So many weekes, ere the poore Fooles will Eane:
So many yeares, ere I shall there the Fleece:
So Minutes, Houtes, Dayes, Monthes, and Yeares,
Past ouer to the end they were created,
Would bring white hairs, vnto a Quiet graue.
Ah! what a life were this? How sweet? how lovely?
Gives not the Hawthorne bush a sweeter shade
To Shepheards, looking on their filly Sheepe,
Then doth a rich Imbroider'd Canopie
To Kings, that feare their Subiects treacherie?
Oh yes, it doth; a thousand fold it doth.
And to conclude, the Shepherds homely Curds,

His cold thinne drinke out of his Leather Bottle,
His wonted sleepe, vnder a fresh trees shade,
All which secure, and sweetly he enioyes,
Is farre beyond a Princes Delicates:
His Viands sparkling in a Golden Cup,
His bodie couched in a curious bed,
When Care, Mistrust, and Treason waits on him.

*Alarum. Enter a Sonne that hath kill'd his Father, at
one doore: and a Father that hath kill'd his Sonne at ano-
ther doore.*

Son. Ill blowes the winde that profits no body,
This man whom hand to hand I slew in fight,
May be possessed with some store of Crownes,
And I that (haply) take them from him now,
May yet (ere night) yeeld both my Life and them
To some man else, as this dead man doth me.
Who's this? Oh God! It is my Fathers face,
Whom in this Conflict, I (vnwares) haue kill'd:
Oh heauy times! begetting such Euent,
From London, by the King was I prest forth,
My Father being the Earle of Warwicks man,
Came on the part of Yorke, prest by his Master:
And I, who at his hands receiud my life,
Haue by my hands, of Life bereaued him.
Pardon me God, I knew not what I did:
And pardon Father, for I knew not thee.
My Teares shall wipe away these bloody markes:
And no more words, till they haue flow'd their fill.
King. O pitteous spectacle! O bloody Times!
Whiles Lyons Warre, and battaile for their Denes,
Poore harmlesse Lambes abide their enmity.
Weepe wretched man: Ile aye thee Teare for Teare,
And let our hearts and eyes, like Ciuill Warre,
Be blinde with teares, and break ore-charg'd with griefe.

Enter Father, bearing off his Sonne.
Fa. Thou that so stoutly hath resisted me,
Giue me thy Gold, if thou hast any Gold:
For I haue bought it with an hundred blowes.
But let me see: Is this our Foe-mans face?
Ah, no, no, no, it is mine onely Sonne.
Ah Boy, if any life be left in thee,
Throw vp thine eye: see, see, what showres arise,
Blowne with the windie Tempest of my heart,
Vpon thy wounds, that killes mine Eye, and Heart,
O pittie God, this miserable Age!
What Stragems? how fell? how Butcherly?
Erroneous, mutinous, and vnatural,
This deadly quarrell daily doth beget:
O Boy! thy Father gaue thee life too soone,
And hath bereft thee of thy life too late.
King. Wo aboute wo: greefe, more the common greefe
O that my death would stay these ruthfull deeds:
O pittie, pittie, gentle heauen pittie:
The Red Role and the White are on his face,
The fatall Colours of our struing Houses:
The one, his purple Blood right well resembles,
The other his pale Cheekes (me thinkes) presenteth:
Wither one Rose, and let the other flourish:
If you contend, a thousand liues must wither.

Son. How will my Mother, for a Fathers death
Take on with me, and ne're be satisfi'd?
Fa. How will my Wife, for slaughter of my Sonne,
Shed seas of Teares, and ne're be satisfi'd?

King. How will the Country, for these wofull chances,
Mis-thinke the King, and not be satisfi'd?

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Son. Was euer Sonne, so reu'd a Fathers death?

Fa. Was euer Father so bemoan'd his Sonne?

Hen. Was euer King so greeu'd for Subiects woe?

Much is your sorrow; Mine, ten times so much.

Son. Ile beare thee hence, where I may weepe my fill.

Fa. These armes of mine shall be thy winding sheet:

My heart (sweet Boy) shall be thy Sepulcher,

For from my heart, thine Image ne're shall go.

My sighing brest, shall be thy Funerall bell;

And so obsequious will thy Father be,

Men for the losse of thee, hauing no more,

As Priam was for all his Valiant Sonnes,

Ile beare thee hence, and let them fight that will,

For I haue murdered where I should not kill.

Hen. Sad-hearted-men, much onegone with Care;

Heere sits a King, more wofull then you are.

*Alarum. Excursions. Enter the Queen, the
Prince, and Exeter.*

Prin. Fly Father, flye: for all your Friends are fled.

And Warwicke rages like a char'd Bull:

Away, for death doth hold vs in pursuite.

Qu. Mount you my Lord, towards Barwicke post a-
maine:

Edward and Richard like a brace of Grey-hounds,

Hauing the fearfull flying Hare in sight,

With fiery eyes, sparkling for very wrath,

And bloody Steele graspt in their yrefull hands

Are at our backes, and therefore hence amaine.

Exe. Away: for vengeance comes along with them.

Nay, stay not to expostulate, make speed,

Or else come after, Ile away before.

Hen. May take me with thee, good sweet Exeter:

Not that I feare to stay, but loue to go

Whether the Queene intends. Forward, away.

Exeunt

Alowd alarum. Enter Clifford Wounded.

Cliff. Heere burnes my Candle out; I heere it dies,

Which whiles it lasted, gaue King Henry light.

O Lancaster! I feare thy ouerthrow,

More then my Bodies parting with my Soule:

My Loue and Feare, glew'd many Friends to thee,

And now I fall. Thy tough Commixtures melts,

Impairing Henry, strengthning misproud Yorke;

And whether flye the Gnats, but to the Sunne?

And who shines now, but Henries Enemies?

O Phobus! had'st thou neuer giuen consent,

That Phaeton should checke thy fiery Steeds,

Thy burning Carre neuer had scorch'd the earth.

And Henry, had'st thou sway'd as Kings should do,

Or as thy Father, and his Father did,

Giuing no ground vnto the house of Yorke,

They neuer then had sprung like Sommer Flies:

I, and ten thousand in this lucklesse Realme,

Hed left no mourning Widdowes for our death,

And thou this day, had'st kept thy Chaire in peace.

For what doth cherish Weeds, but gentle ayre?

And what makes Robbers bold, but too much lenity?

Boolelle are Plaints, and Curelesse are my Wounds:

No way to flye, nor strength to hold out flight:

The Foe is mercilesse, and will nor pittie:

For at their hands I haue deseru'd no pittie.

The ayre hath got into my deadly Wounds,

And much effate of blood, d

Come Yorke, and Richard, w

I stab'd your Fathers bolow

Alarum & Retreat. Enter E

Soldiers, Mount

Ed. Now breath we Lords

And smoothe the frownes of

Some Troopes pursue the bl

That led calme Henry, thoug

As doth a Saile, fill'd with a

Command an Argosie to ste

But thinke you (Lords) that

War. No, 'tis impossible

(For though before his face

Your Brother Richard markt

And wherefore he is, hee's

Rich. Whose soule is that

A deadly gone, like life and

See who it is.

Ed. And now the Battail

If Friend or Foe, let him be g

Rich. Reuoke that doom

Who not contented that he l

In hewing Rutland, when hi

But set his murthering knife

From whence that tender spi

I meane our Princely Father

War. From off the gates o

Your Fathers head, which Cl

In stead whereof, let this sup

Measure for measure, must b

Ed. Bring forth that fatall

That nothing lung but death

Now death shall stop his di

And his ill-boarding tongue,

War. I thinke is vnderstat

Speake Clifford, dost thou kin

Darke cloudy death ore-shad

And he nor sees, nor heares y

Rich. O would he did, an

'Tis but his policy to counte

Because he would auoid such

Which in the time of death h

Cl. If so thou thinkest

Vex him with eager Words,

Rich. Clifford, aske mercy.

Ed. Clifford, repent in boo

War. Clifford, deuise excu

Cl. While we deuise fell

Rich. Thou did'st loue Y

Edw. Thou pittied'st Rutl

Cl. Where's Capitaine

War. They mocke thee C

Swear as thou wast wont.

Rich. What, not an Oath? N

When Clifford cannot spare hi

I know by that he's dead, and

If this right hand would buy

That I (in all despight) might

This hand should chop it off

Stiffe the Villaine, whose vn

Yorke, and yong Rutland cou

War. I, but he's dead, O

And reare it in the place your

And now to London with Tr